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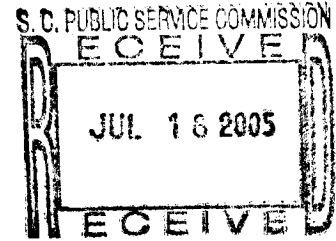
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The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni
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Re: Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC for Arbitration with Horry Telephone Company, under the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Case No. 2005-188-C
Our File No. 05-7024

Dear Mr. Terreni:

According to the Commission's website, on July 11, 2005 the Commission entered an order in this docket setting the date for hearing and dates for the filing of testimony. Until today, when we looked at the website, neither we nor MCImetro, the petitioner, had any knowledge of the order. We have received no notice of the order by mail or electronic mail, and Horry Telephone Company, the respondent, has not filed an answer or return to the petition. The order set July 14, 2005 for the filing of direct testimony. Accordingly, we request an extension of fourteen (14) days to file direct testimony, with extensions of similar duration with regard to the other filing dates, and rescheduling of the hearing. As we anticipate Greg Darnell will be MCImetro's witness, we advise the Commission that he is presently obligated to testify August 22-24 before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, and request that the hearing not be set during that period. Finally, request is made for the appointment of a hearing officer, as was accomplished in Docket No. 2005-67-C, for the disposition of pre-hearing matters

Very truly yours,

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